

## THE YANKTON SOUTHERN

HAS NOT BEEN KILLED BY FINANCIAL TROUBLES.

## FREMONT HILL MAKES REPORT

Field Work Has Been Completed

Through From Yankton to Houston—Construction Work Can Be Done Cheaper Now Than Planned.

Following is part of a personal letter recently received by the editor of the Yankton Press and Dakotan from Fremont Hill, president of the Yankton Southern railroad:

"I take pleasure in reporting that the Yankton Southern railroad enterprise is progressing steadily and successfully to a final issue. We now have the field work completed through from Yankton to Houston. The rights of way in Texas and Oklahoma are guaranteed free (572) miles by the cities, towns and saw-mill companies along the route and in Kansas and Nebraska options have been secured on all farms excepting those whose owners could not be reached.

"On account of the very material decrease in the cost of labor and materials, which would result in a saving of at least 15 to 25 per cent in construction cost, the proposition can and will be presented to capitalists within the next four months, more favorably than was anticipated.

"Our proposition has been endorsed by the leading business men in each and every community along the entire route. This fact speaks for itself. I am feeling fully satisfied that I shall be able to complete the work successfully."

Omaha News: The Northwestern road has announced it has selected for discharge, in order to retrench expenses for the winter, the men who are addicted to drink, whether they are new or old employees.

Proceeding on this line, the road has released about 4,000 men, weeding down its force to a winter basis. The employees who will hold their positions through the winter are those who do not frequent saloons.

As a result, the Northwestern believes it is today operated by about as temperate a body of men as can be found in the entire United States. Officials claim that there is not a drunkard in the service, and that furthermore it is their intention not to let any drinkers join the ranks of employees.

The steel passenger coaches, one of which has been in service for the last few weeks between Norfolk and Columbus, will replace wooden cars on the Harriman lines, according to a dispatch from Omaha where the new steel cars are being constructed in the Union Pacific shops.

The Union Pacific railroad has decided to spend millions in the Omaha shops in building steel cars, which will gradually replace all wooden coaches used on the entire Harriman system.

All work at the shops is now only being expended on the erection of steel cars and motor cars.

The shops will be able to turn out ten cars a month, all of new and unconventional design. As quickly as cars are completed they are hurried into service, at present being sent to the western end of the line.

The steel coaches have their entrance at the center. They seat about as many people as the regular coach. Instead of having square windows, they will have round ones. Ventilation is provided by an upward draft.

Each car weighs about 90,000 pounds. It cannot be telescoped and in case of wreck offers a far greater chance of escape to passengers.

Although the federal law prohibiting railroads from working their train crews over sixteen hours at a stretch does not go into effect until March 4, 1908, some western railroads are making efforts to observe that law at present. Vice President Mohler of the Union Pacific and General Manager F. Walters of the Northwestern are among the railroad officials who so declare in some recent Omaha interviews. "For more than a year the Union Pacific has striven to observe the new law just as much as though it were in effect at present," said A. L. Mohler, vice president and general manager of the Union Pacific. "The schedules have been so adjusted that a crew does not have to work more than the specified time except in case of an emergency. We have kept complete records of the time the men have worked on each run that we might the better adjust our schedules."

"The Northwestern has been working on the new law for nearly a year," said Frank Walters, general manager of the Northwestern. "So the new law will be no hardship to us, for we have adjusted our schedules to meet the requirements of the law. I don't see any necessity for laying a train up at a small station, for the law says that in case of emergency the train may be run on in."

Railroad men say the severest section of the new law is that part which applies to telegraphers, in permitting those working at stations open day and night but nine hours a day. This will require three men for each tower and station open twenty-four hours and at present telegraphers are hard to get. The law is peculiar in that it permits operators working in stations which are only open in the day time thirteen hours a day.

## Battle Creek.

A. G. Moyer of Broken Bow, an old

Battle Creek business man, arrived

here Saturday and expects to spend part of the winter in this city with his many friends. He was the first Battle Creek butcher. He now speculates in real estate in Custer county.

Henry Stampe of Ricketts, Iowa, was visiting his friend Harvey Kuhrt in this city last week.

Geo. Brisius of Leigh was visiting friends here Friday. He had been up to Tilden with other friends for some time.

Hon. F. J. Hale of Atkinson was here on business the fore part of this week.

Miss Minnie Clausen of Ricketts, Iowa, was visiting here the latter part of the week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Sophia Kuhrt.

The celebrated Rodekohl string band, consisting of fourteen pieces, all of the members farmer boys, will give a concert soon in the opera house. They are thinking of going to Norfolk some day and letting the folks at that place know what they can do. Otto Rodekohl, a young man of twenty-one summers, is the leader and manager.

S. S. Moffett, who has been bartender in the corner saloon, has moved with his family to the state of Washington.

Fred Scheeger, who bought J. E. Sanders' roller mill recently, is putting in a new dam of rocks. Two carloads arrived here Monday.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, failed to cure. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Advertisement For Bids. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the county clerk of Madison county, Nebraska, on or before noon of the first day of January, 1908, for the furnishing of books, blanks and stationery for the county of Madison during the year following the first day of January, 1908.

Following is a statement of the probable gross number of each item of books, blanks and stationery that will be required during said year.

Books.

Five 8-quire records, two McMillan records, one treasurer's cash book, one treasurer's warrant book, three tax lists, 8,000 tax receipts, 72 name tabs, 288 poll books, 96 poll book envelopes, 48 ballot sacks, 29 assessment schedule binders, three sets indexes for records, three canvass covers for records, 25 school directors' records.

Legal blanks as follows: 1,000 8 1/2 x 28, 3,500 8 1/2 x 14, 4,000 8 1/2 x 7, 1,000 8 1/2 x 3 1/2, 1,000 7 x 3; envelopes: 2,000 No. 11, 9,000 No. 6 1/2, 7,500 No. 10, 1,000 No. 9, 9,000 letter heads, 3,000 memo heads, 2,000 postal cards, 4,000 delinquent tax notices, thirty reams examination paper, 10,000 perfect attendance certificates, 100 order books for district treasurer, 200 bar dockets, 200 election notices, 6,000 assessment schedules, 2,000 sheets court reporter paper.

Stationery.

Twelve quarts black ink, six pints red ink, two quarts mucilage, five gross lead pencils, twelve gross pens, rubber bands—four pounds small, twelve gross assorted, 2,000 blotters, ten reams typewriter paper, 1,400 sheets carbon paper, seven steel erasers, eight dozen rubber erasers, eight dozen pencil point protectors, twenty-four dozen penholders, one box staple fasteners, four boxes challenge eyelets, eighteen dozen document boxes various sizes, three reams legal cap, six dozen senate pads, two gross election pencils.

Separate bids must be made on books, blanks, and stationery, all bids must be made on bidding sheets furnished on application by the county clerk of said county. All supplies must be furnished in accordance with specifications on file in the office of the county clerk.

All supplies are to be furnished as ordered. Bids must be marked, bids for "Blanks," "Books" or "Stationery," as the case may be, and addressed to the county clerk of Madison county, Nebraska. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the county clerk in the sum of \$25.00 as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and furnish bond if contract is awarded him. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of their contract.

At the same time and place and subject to the same conditions as above, separate bids will be received for the printing of sample and official ballots for the primary and general elections of 1908.

At the same time and place and subject to the same conditions so far as applicable, bids will be received for the printing of the proceedings of the board of county commissioners, the county treasurer's list of delinquent taxes, the county treasurer's annual and semi-annual statement and such legal notices and advertisements as may be necessary for the county to have printed, during said year. The county commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Bids will be opened according to the requirements of the law at the first meeting of the county board, January 14, 1908.

Dated at Madison, Neb., this 5th day of December, A. D. 1907.

George E. Richardson,

County Clerk.

## OBJECT TO THE NEW COINS

NORFOLK BANKERS AMONG THE FIRST TO CRITICISE.

NOW BANKERS GENERALLY KICK

Design of the Coin From Which "In God We Trust" Was Left Off, Are Meeting With Popular Disapproval.

Workmanship Unsatisfactory.

Norfolk bankers were among the first to pass criticism on the new gold coins and subsequent comment over the country has sustained the objections that they made to the new coins. Mr. G. D. Butterfield was among the first bankers in the west to get hold of the new coin and at the time he pointed out what he considered to be serious defects in the coins. Mr. Butterfield thought that the coins lacked the appearance of superior workmanship characteristic of the old coins and thought that the banks generally would object to the new design because the relief or raised part of the moulding of the eagle and other figures upon the coins was so high that the coins would not stack up well. And it will be remembered that it was from these coins that the motto "In God We Trust" was dropped. Now such a howl has been set up over the St. Gaudens design that the mint authorities have stopped coining them and it is probable that the designs will be remodeled and the words "In God We Trust" restored. A Norfolk admirer of President Roosevelt said yesterday that two serious "breaks" were chargeable to the man of the "big stick," one the simplified spelling "reform," the other the motto episode.

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THRILLING EXPERIENCES OF A YOUNG RUSSIAN.

TERRIBLE HARDSHIPS ENDURED

Constitution Undermined in Getting Away From His Native Land, He Lives But Four Weeks After He Reaches Free America.

A story of old Russia was brought to north Nebraska last week when Fred Walter, a young Russian, died at the home of relatives northwest of Napier in Boyd county.

A thrilling escape from Russian authorities was followed by terrible hardships in an escape across the Russian boundaries, hardships which undermined his constitution and left the young man a victim to typhoid fever four weeks after he reached America, the land of refuge.

Walter made a thrilling escape from the Russian authorities who were trying to force him into the army. Captured and thrown into a Russian jail he managed to steal across the border.

Exposure and constant hardships were his lot on his long journey to safety. Typhoid fever developed. Walter worked at Fairfax after his arrival in north Nebraska. He worked until he was too ill to walk when he surrendered to the sickness and was taken to the home of his uncle, a Mr. Herman, near Napier. In four days he was dead.

The funeral was held in the German Lutheran church.

## BABY ON THE DOOR SILL

BROUGHT BY UNKNOWN HANDS TO THE HOME OF JOE KLOS.

WARMLY WRAPPED IN BLANKET

Newly Born Infant Found in the Early Morning, is Again Transferred to Another Home, That of Guy Nestel, Where it is in Good Hands.

A new born babe, a little baby boy, clothed with a hastily gathered wardrobe and warmly wrapped in a blanket, was a gift brought Monday morning by unknown hands to the door sill of Joe Klos, who lives in the little yellow house near the Junction depot.

Klos viewed the gift with astonishment. A young Bohemian, married and with a seven months' baby boy of his own, Klos threw up his hands. But the little stranger found a home. Guy Nestel, a baker at the Junction eating house and a young married man without children, promptly adopted the little fellow.

Joe Klos works at the lunch counter in the eating house. At 5 o'clock Monday morning he arose for the morning's work. As he dressed he heard a tiny cry from the direction of his door. There on the doorstep was the strange gift of the night.

Klos, who has a boy of his own, viewed the little fellow on the steps with alarm. The infant was brought into the house and warmed. Klos, who has lived in Norfolk three years and is a tender hearted young fellow, couldn't figure out what to do with the extra baby.

It was Guy Nestel who came to the rescue. He made the first bid for the baby and the little infant changed owners for a second time. The Nestel home is a block or so north of the eating house.

There was no clue as to the parentage of the strange baby. The little fellow appeared healthy.

## MODERN WOODMAN RALLY.

To be Held in Fremont on Monday. Special Train From Norfolk.

The Northwestern is to run a special train from Norfolk to Fremont Monday for the big Modern Woodman rally to be held in Fremont.

The Modern Woodman special will leave the uptown depot at 9 a. m. Monday and the Junction depot ten minutes later. Returning from Fremont after the day's program has been carried out it will leave Fremont at 3 a. m., arriving in this city early in the morning.

The Fremont rally is to be a big event for the Woodmen lodge. Over 300 candidates will be present from away for initiation and several thousand Modern Woodmen visitors are expected. An afternoon meeting will be public but the evening meeting in the Fremont opera house will be for Woodmen only. Head Consul A. R. Talbot of Lincoln will speak at both meetings.

A number of Norfolk Woodmen are going to Fremont on the special next Monday although the special will probably pick up its biggest crowds at West Point and other towns enroute. The special starts at Norfolk.

## INDIAN BLOW OUT

Five Hundred Natives at the Lamro

Festivity This Week.

Lamro, S. D., Dec. 13.—Special to The News: The Indians began to come in yesterday to the great blow-out that they are going to have here from now on until Saturday, when they will have a beef roast and dance. They will be here in large numbers and will come from as far away as the Rosebud agency, a distance of fifty miles. As there will be no liquor allowed it is expected that there will be a general good time. Some 500 Indians will be here to take part in the jollification. This will be the



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gining of a regular series of gatherings that will be held here, as this is the center of the county and the nearest place for the Indians to gather.

## Automatic Switchboard.

Manager W. J. Stadelman of the Norfolk Long Distance Telephone company was in Chicago during the week, arranging for the shipment of part of the automatic switchboard to Norfolk during the coming fortnight.

The present prospects are that the automatic company will be giving local service in Norfolk by the first of February. January 1 had been the date originally announced but it does not appear possible that the first announcement can be realized.

In order to receive the switchboard the construction of the upper story of the exchange building has been hurried.

## GIRL TAKEN FOR FORGERY

NELLIE KERN OF VALENTINE ARRESTED IN FREMONT.

GIRL IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD

The Officer at Fremont Apprehends the Girl When She Reaches That City on Her Way to Omaha, on Advice From Valentine.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 13.—Nellie Kern, a girl eighteen years old, was arrested by Chief of Police Peterson on Northwestern train No. 6 when it arrived in Fremont and was taken to the police station to be detained until the authorities at Valentine, Neb., could be heard from concerning her. Prior to the arrival of the train the police received a telegram from Deputy Sheriff Williams of that town stating that the young woman was wanted for forgery and requesting her detention till someone could be sent to take charge of her.

The girl made an emphatic denial of the forgery allegation and indicated her inability to understand why she had been arrested. She was on her way to Omaha in company with another young woman whom she said was hurrying to the bedside of her aunt who was seriously ill. She submitted to detention without much hesitation, first turning over most of the money she had to her companion. At the police station, however, she broke down and related her story between sobs.

She said Deputy Sheriff Williams is a brother of her brother-in-law, Harvey Williams of Valentine, and that she had been visiting at the home of the